

SS SCS HCS#2 HB 63 -- PERSONS SEEKING PUBLIC OFFICE

(Vetoed by the Governor--Overridden by the General Assembly)

This bill exempts a candidate for a special district office; a township office in township organization counties; or a city, town, or village office from the provisions of Sections 115.307 to 115.405, RSMo, regarding political parties and the nomination of candidates.

The bill prohibits any individual from being a candidate for a school district board if he or she has previously been employed as the superintendent for that school district.

Elections for any school district that becomes an urban school district because of the 2000 federal census must be held annually at the same times and places as general municipal elections for all years where one or more terms expire and the term must be for three years.

The bill repeals obsolete provisions regarding the election of school board members in St. Joseph School District based on the 1960 census and requires the district to hold elections annually at the same times and places as general municipal elections for all years where one or more terms expire. Currently, school board members in the St. Joseph School District serve a six-year term. This bill changes the term to three years upon the expiration of any term after August 28, 2015.

In the St. Joseph School District, a candidate for the school board must file a declaration of candidacy with the secretary of the school board and must not be required to submit a petition.

The bill contains an emergency clause.